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In need of some sista talk
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ZAMI is a not for profit, support organization for lesbians of African descent in the Atlanta Metropolitan area. Founded in 1990, ZAMI is named for the 'biomythography' of African American feminist, lesbian, poet Audre Lorde whose life, work and spirit are embodied in the Caribbean word, "ZAMI", which means women who work together as friends and lovers.

1st Sundays- Monthly Forum :

Come and join us **February 1 — 2:00-5:00 pm**, as we kick off our initial forum with Black and Latina lesbian entrepreneurs.

2:00-3:30pm- Brunch items provided at cost by Indigo Arts

3:30-5:00 pm- Discussion

3rd Saturdays- Singles Soiree :

Looking for a chance to meet other single lesbians of color ? Come and join us on **January 17 — 4:30-9:30 pm**. Please bring a dish to share. Cash Bar!

4th Sundays- Sista Speak!

January 25 — 5:00 -7:00 pm: ZAMI 's informal monthly discussion.

*All programs are held at Indigo Arts Gallery Playhouse. 1850 Dekalb Avenue, Atlanta ,GA 30307 between Eastlake and Candler Park Marta Stations. **404 378-7703**.

**Please note that ZAMI is discontinuing 2nd Sunday meetings due to time and labor constraints. However, Dr. Debra Greenwood is offering a safe space to discuss coming out issues. Please see enclosed flyer.

Are you an exceptional "out" lesbian of African descent graduating from high school or enrolled in a technical/ undergraduate/graduate program in GA? If the answer is yes...ZAMI may have an Audre Lorde scholarship for you...

Are you a lesbian, bisexual, or questioning sista enrolled in the Atlanta University Center....If the answer is yes...ZAMI has formed a discussion group especially for you....Please call the **ZAMI OUTREACH LINE** at **404 370-0911** to request an application or join the AU discussion group or e-mail us : **ATLZAMI@aol.com**

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Celebrating Women's History Month PROGRAMS MARCH 2002

Friday, March 1st, 8:00PM, Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Cliff Valley Way – Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues – The *VDAY Worldwide Campaign* is presented by Charis Circle, Feminist Women's Health Center, & Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence, all working to end violence against women. Proceeds will also benefit the women of Afghanistan. Francine Reed and many other talented women will perform this amazing work. Tickets are \$25 (\$15 for students), available at Charis.

Tuesday, March 5th, 6:45PM – Women Writers' Group – So many women have asked us about groups where they can find support, critique, and encouragement as they put pen to paper. Responding to that need, this group is open to women of all ages and all stages in the writing life. The group will meet once a month and have occasional speakers.

Wednesday, March 6th, 7:15PM – Monthly Women's Book Group – For any interested woman – please join us to discuss Donna M. Gershten's *KISSING THE VIRGIN'S MOUTH*.

Thursday, March 7th, 7:30PM – Donna Hemans, RIVER WOMAN – Donna will read from her debut novel, which explores the life of a girl in Jamaica, left behind when her mother finds a way to live in the US. Passion, betrayal, and the bonds between mothers and children are explored with lyricism and honesty.

Friday, March 8th, 7:30PM, St. Bartholemew's Episcopal Church, Lavista Rd. – Sue Monk Kidd: The Black Madonna and THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES – Sue has moved from her spiritual memoir, *Dance of the Dissident Daughter*, to a novel in which she introduces us to three beekeeping sisters who revere a mysterious and empowering black madonna. This event benefits Chrysalis and the women's book groups at St. Bart's. Tickets are \$10. Please reserve space by calling Charis at 404- 524-0304.

Thursday, March 14th, 7:30PM – Francesca De Grandis, GODDESS INITIATION – a practical Celtic program for soul-healing, self-fulfillment and wild wisdom. This comprehensive month by month guide gives instructions on achieving the internal power, serenity and creativity of a deity. Francesca offers a well-rounded lesson plan with a healthy dose of woman-to-woman humor.

Friday, March 15th, 8:00PM – All Women's Open Mic – Our special way to honor women's voices. Sign up from 7:30 – 8 for 5-minute acts of poetry, dance, music, etc. Performances begin at 8 PM. *Women Only, Please*

Saturday, March 16th, 11:00AM – Stories for Free Children – READ AND COME ALIVE WITH YOGA. Frani Green, certified yoga instructor, brings us a story and some yoga movement. **All children welcome, especially those ages 3-7.**

Sunday, March 17th, 6:00PM – GAIA Collective: Show & Tell – (Bring an item that has special meaning). This group of women from the age of 13 to 113 meets monthly to learn from one another. Our purpose is to create a circle of women where open sharing is possible and we can learn from the richness of our varied experiences. Our conversations are confidential and we do not open the group to mothers and daughters together. Come join us and bring your favorite dish for pot luck.

Thursday, March 21st, 7:30PM - Feminism 101: Feminist Herstory – In honor of Women's History Month, please join us for a program celebrating feminism in all its forms. This is sure to be a provocative, inter-generational discussion on the herstory of feminism in the US.

Saturday, March 23rd, 8:00PM – OPEN DOOR, OPEN MIC – Our feminist community embraces everyone's talent. Sign up from 7:30 – 8 for 5-minute acts of poetry, dance, music, etc. Performances begin at 8 PM. *Both men and women are welcome to attend and perform.*

Tuesday, March 26th, 7:00PM – Dyke March Planning Meeting – Traditionally, the Dyke March is held the Sat. evening before the GLBT Pride Parade in June. Charis and the Lesbian Avengers invite you to help envision this year's march. Bring your ideas and your energy!

Thursday, March 28th – NO PROGRAM: PASSOVER

Friday, March 29th, 8:00PM – Gloved Love and Latex Panties: Safer is Sexy – Pleasure Posse, an Atlanta based sex ed organization, presents health info and safer sex techniques in fun, innovative, and sexy ways. This workshop will include general info about women's physical & sexual health, interactive demos of safer sex techniques, and a Q & A session. Safer sex kits will be provided! This workshop is a benefit for Ladyfest South, a women's arts fest that will be held in Atlanta in Oct. 2002. \$5 requested. *Women only please.*

Saturday, March 30th, 7:30PM @ WHSCAB Auditorium, Emory University – "The Edge of Each Other's Battles: The Vision of Audre Lorde" – ZAMI invited Charis Circle and many other groups to co-sponsor this feature film and a discussion with filmmaker Jennifer Abod. Admission is free, thanks to Emory's 9th annual LGBT film festival. The work and life of Audre Lorde inspires and challenges all of us – don't miss this opportunity to celebrate Audre Lorde with folks who continue the work in so many different ways.

To receive weekly email updates of programs, log on to www.groups.yahoo.com and follow the instructions to join chariscircle. Also, the new Charis Circle Website address is: www.chariscircle.org

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Evening Programs

November 1994

♿ 7:30 pm



Thursday, Nov 3 -- Charis begins her 20th birthday weekend with longtime friends **Merril Mushroom** and **Mary Bricker-Jenkins**, joining us from Tennessee! Merrill contributed to **SPORTSDYKES**, **LESBIAN CULTURE**, **PERSISTENT DESIRE** and many other publications. Mary co-edited **NOT FOR WOMEN ONLY**, **SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE FOR A FEMINIST FUTURE** and **FEMINIST SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE**. They will be reading selections that deal with breast cancer, feminist social work, sex, social transformation, the 50s and 60s, and Mamagrandae.

Saturday, Nov 5 -- **Charis Musical Celebration** -- 8 pm at the Variety Playhouse with guests Angela Motter (and band), Mary Witt, Elise Witt, Johnnie Eason, and Dede Vogt. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. *Interpreted for the hearing impaired.* ♯ ♯ ♯

Sunday Nov 6 -- **Celebration of Writers** - 5 pm at the Horizons School, featuring Leslie Feinberg, Kay Hagan, bell hooks, and Minnie Bruce Pratt. \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. *Interpreted.* ♯ ♯ ♯

Thursday, Nov 10 -- **History of Charis** -- Amanda Gable and Saralyn Chestnut have been conducting an oral history of Charis and the Little Five Points lesbian-feminist community. Focusing on the early years of Charis, they will share what they have learned so far and how they intend to continue the study. Your input and memories welcome!

Thursday, Nov 17 -- **Honoring Audre Lorde** -- Join us at the Existentialist Congregation at 470 Candler Park Dr. for Zami's second annual tribute to Audre Lorde, poet and warrior extraordinare. This evening of lesbian erotica is co-sponsored by Charis, the E-Cong, Spelman's Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance, and Zami, Atlanta's premier African American lesbian organization.

Saturday, Nov 19 -- **BODY AND SOUL: THE BLACK WOMEN'S GUIDE TO PHYSICAL HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING** -- Come meet and greet **Linda Villarosa**, executive director of *Essence Magazine* and editor of this important new book. A National Black Women's Health Project book, **BODY AND SOUL** is a self-help book not only for all Black women, but for everyone who cares for and about them. **Gayle Danley** will start the evening with her wonderful performance poetry from her recently published book, **NAKED**.

Sunday, Nov 20 -- Silver Fingers Productions hosts a fund-raising party for the **Kitchen Table Women of Color Press**. Prepare to be entertained and fed...and bring your check book!

Thursday, Nov 24 -- Thanksgiving -- No Program

If you require sign language interpretation for a program that is not already being signed, please call Charis two days in advance and we will arrange for an interpreter.

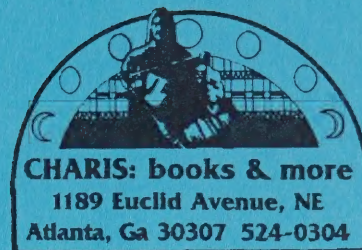


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Thursday, March 3 — Charis celebrates Women's History month with **A PREVIEW OF HEALING INCEST II: VOIDECHO** by Susan Ottzen. Harp music by Susan Ottzen and survivor poems of Adrienne Rich and Sharon Olds read by Loy Johnson. Join us as we share the celebration of Women's history.

Tuesday, March 8 — **SPECIAL PROGRAM — International Women's Day** — a day to celebrate the struggles of women and to honor sisters who have given their lives to end oppression. Join the Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, Ann-Marie, Judy Gerber, Cindy Lutenbacher, Judy Siff and others for an evening of poetry, writings and video excerpts of women prisoners from within the walls of U.S. and other prisons.



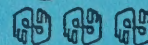
Thursday, March 10 — in recognition of **Harriett Tubman Day**, Charis welcomes **Dr. Alma Vineyard**, associate professor of English at Clark Atlanta University. Dr. Vineyard will be speaking about the life and times of Harriett Tubman, which will include readings of Tubman's letters, speeches and petitions. This is sure to be an enlightening evening.



Thursday, March 17 — Zami, Atlanta's premiere African American Lesbian Group is honored to sponsor and Charis is happy to welcome back lecturer, writer and performance poet **Doris Davenport**. Doris, who is the recipient of the Kentucky Foundation for Women Grant and the North Carolina Arts Council Writing Fellowship awards, will read from her poetry in celebration of Women's History Month. Bring a friend to hear this powerful and thought-provoking poet.

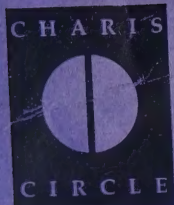


Thursday, March 24 — **Breast Cancer** — Charis welcomes **Lee Eberhart**, survivor of stage four breast cancer. Lee will be discussing being aware of your body's messages to you and the importance of communicating with your doctor. This is a chance to hear firsthand Lee's experience of surviving breast cancer, which included a bone marrow transplant. This is a program you don't want to miss.



Thursday, March 31 — **LIFE NOTES: PERSONAL WRITINGS BY CONTEMPORARY BLACK WOMEN**, edited by Patricia Bell-Scott, cofounder of SAGE journal, coeditor of SOME OF US ARE BRAVE, and senior editor of DOUBLESTITCH: BLACK WOMEN WRITE ABOUT MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS. LIFE NOTES is the first collection of personal writings by black women ever to be published and the writings take many forms. The representation is an extraordinary mix of previously unpublished, emerging and well-known writers including Jamaica Kincaid, Alice Walker and Rita Dove. Join us for a powerful, compelling and historical evening.





PROGRAMS JULY 2001



Sunday, July 1st, 5 PM – SisterGirls Present Music at the Red Light Café – Come on out and help send these SisterGirls to camp! Our 9-15 year olds have an opportunity to spend a few days with some wonderful mentors in the mountains. The price of your ticket will help make camp a reality – plus you'll be entertained by some very fine musicians. Thanks to Red Light and our SisterGirl mentors for putting this together. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and Red Light Café is at 553 Amsterdam Ave.

Wednesday, July 11th, 7:15PM – Monthly Women's Book Group – For any interested woman – join us to discuss "Last Standing Woman" by Winona Laduke.

Thursday July 12th, 7:30PM – Out In The South – Editor Carlos Dews and contributor Donna Smith join us to untangle the riddle of being southern and gay or lesbian. Dews is an English prof and Carson McCullers scholar. Smith is a Ph.D. candidate at Emory with a focus on southern and lesbian/gay studies. You'll find other Atlanta friends in this fascinating and challenging book. At Charis, Carlos and Donna will share their own very personal experiences – always a treat.

Saturday July 14th, 8:00AM – 3:00PM, Epworth Methodist, across from Candler Park – CHARIS CIRCLE YARD SALE – Work some feminist magic and transform your gently used items into community education programs! Drop off items for the sale July 11-13 (5-9 pm) at Epworth United Methodist, 1561 McClendon Ave. For donation information call (404) 378-2247.

Thursday July 19th, 7:30PM – Feminism 101- Practice: Female Friendships Across Sexual Identity – Continuing the topic from last month, associates from the National Coalition Building Institute will facilitate two exercises. "Becoming an Ally" for heterosexual women who want to be better allies and friends to lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered women, and "Welcoming Someone as an Ally" for bisexual, lesbian, and transgendered women who want to be more open toward heterosexual women as allies.

Friday July 20th, 8 PM – All Women's Open Mic – Our very special way to honor women's voices. Sign up from 7:30 – 8 for 5 minute acts of poetry, dance, music, etc. Performances begin at 8 PM.
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Saturday July 21st, 11:00AM – Children's Story Hour – Charis' own Adeeba will be reading from *Franny B. Kranny, There's A Bird in Your Hair* by Helen Oxenbury for today's story hour.

Thursday July 26th, 7:30PM – Tales of Women: Stories for Grown-ups – Professional storyteller Janice Butt brings her own special touch to stories of women we all know – like Sojourner Truth – as well as women in her own history. Janice will tell stories to our little ones soon, so watch for that. This evening will help us all remember the power of story.

WANT TO RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAIL PROGRAM UPDATES?

Visit "www.egroups.com" (formerly "www.onelist.com"). Search for "CharisCircle" or go to onelist.com/community/community/chariscircle. Select the Charis Circle Community and follow the instruction for joining. Also, the new Charis Circle Website address is: www.chariscircle.com

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—bell hooks

CHARIS: Books & More is community, a commitment to women's space and women-affirming people. It is the reality—not just the rhetoric—of diversity. Since 1974, Charis Books & More has combined the operations of a bookstore with the feminist commitment to community, inclusivity, and respect for all persons.

Charis can no longer carry out its mission alone. Chain "superstores" are threatening the survival of all independent bookstores, and Charis Books & More is especially vulnerable. Charis is determined to continue its commitment to small press publications, feminist, lesbian, and gay authors, and outreach to the lesbian, gay, and women's communities.

The **CHARIS CIRCLE** is a non-profit organization dedicated to the continuing growth of Charis. The Charis Circle is all of us. Its mission is to ensure that the "More"—the programs and people, readings and events—continues and grows. The Charis Circle pledges to provide ongoing financial and hands-on support for these activities and events.

CHARIS CIRCLE

Activities & Events



Thursday evening programs

Musicians & Artists

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Mother-Daughter Book Group

Monthly Women's Sexuality Series

Monthly Open Mike Series

Meeting Space

ZAMI: Lesbians of African Descent

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Discussion Groups

Community Resources

Ticket sales

Housing & job listings

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Community bulletin board



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YES! I want to support Charis Circle and guarantee the continuation of a unique and treasured resource. Here's my **tax-deductible contribution to the Charis Circle.**

☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100

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Please make your check payable to Charis Circle, and mail it, along with this form, to 1189 Euclid Avenue NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30307

I'd like to volunteer to help with:

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Thank You!

Welcome to the

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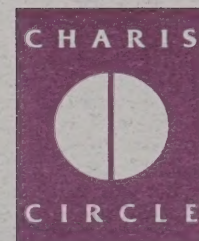
Charis was the first women's bookstore I ever set foot in, twenty years ago, and she changed my life, as she's changed the lives of countless others. This bookstore has been a home-away-from-home, library, resource center, and cultural hot spot. We need her to exist into the 21st century as a place where we can nurture our selves and our communities.

— Minnie Bruce Pratt

Charis isn't just a bookstore. It's been a kind of home/community for me for over 15 years. Although I live in New England (now), I still order my books from Charis. I found my first apartment, my first real job, a massage therapist, a dentist, a doctor, and lots of new friends at Charis. Charis has been great for my social and intellectual life. I love Charis! I came out as a writer at Charis!

— Shay Youngblood

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Thursday, August 24: Nikki Finney, Black Lesbian Poet celebrates African-American tradition & culture in this powerful collection of poetry, "**RICE**". This is a 7:30 pm program at CHARIS.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our ZAMI sisters, **Ashaki** (August 23), and **Tammy** (August 1).



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Charis Bookstore-located at 1189 Euclid Ave. , Atlanta GA 524-0304.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our ZAMI sisters, **Ashaki** (August 23), and **Tammy** (August 1).



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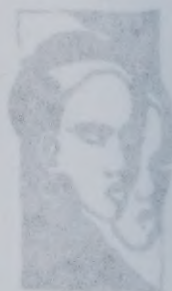
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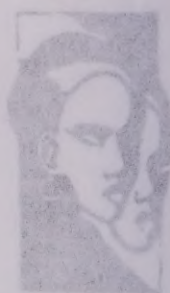
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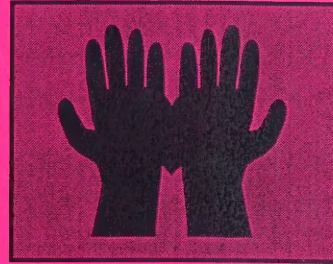
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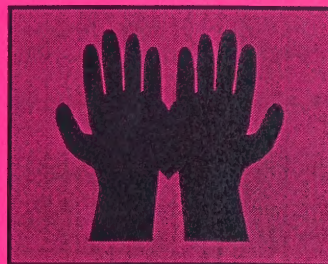
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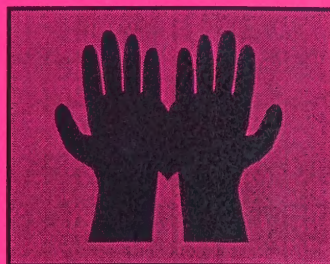
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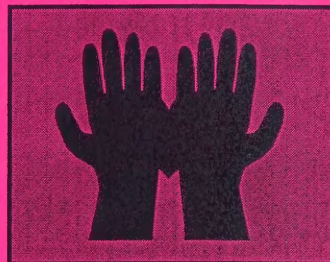


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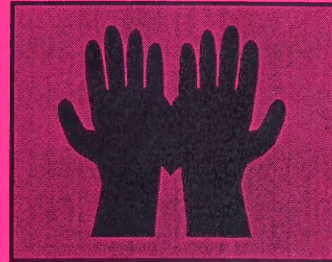
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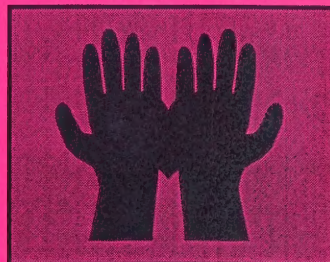
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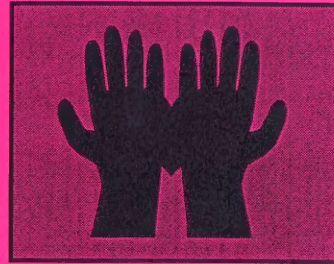
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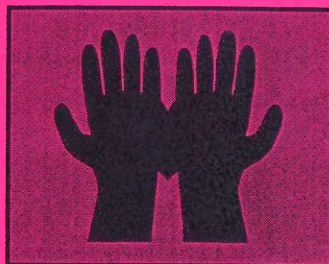
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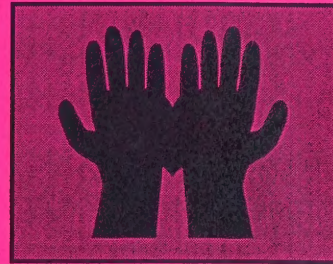
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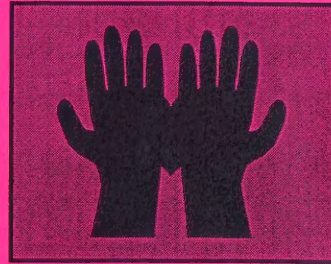
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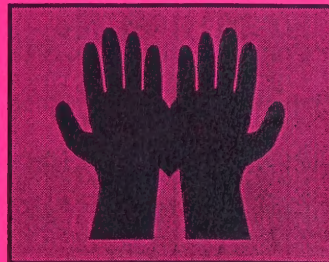
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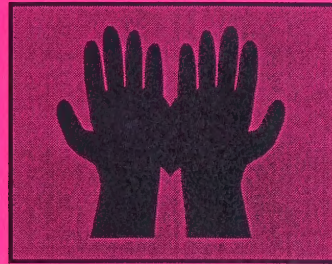
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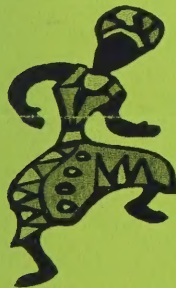
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**April 5-11- BLACK IS...BLACK AIN'T, the last film by Black gay filmmaker Marlon Riggs.
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**April 11-14- ATLANTA GAY and LESBIAN ARTS FESTIVAL held in downtown Decatur.
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Festival passes \$20-but tickets can also be purchased for single events.

**April 13, 2:00pm - LESBIAN and GAY PEOPLE of COLOR COALITION, organizing /
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**APRIL 13-14- SENSUALITY, a play by Sonia Hemphill, founder of the theatre
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It will be held at Beacon Dance Hall, 410 W. Trinity Place in downtown Decatur. Showings are
at 5:00 pm and tickets are \$7. Let's make this a group activity by coming out on Saturday the
13th to support our ZAMI sisters and going for dessert afterwards. For more information call
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**April 14, 5:00pm-8:00pm- VENUS Magazine and Friends will host a Barbecue to raise funds
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Minimum \$25 contribution.**

**April 14, 6:30-8:30pm-At ZAMI'S SECOND SUNDAY meeting, we welcome Dr. Shirlene
Holmes, playwright of A LADY and a WOMAN, as she honors us with offerings from her latest
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**April 19, 8:00pm-SEX SERIES-MIND AS EROGENOUS ZONE: THOUGHTS FROM A
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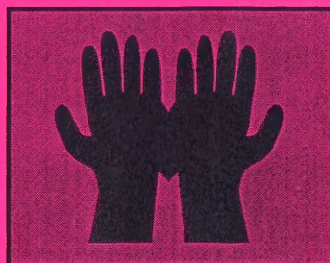
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